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Applicant: Johnson
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Structural And Functional Features For Tissue And Plant Product Processing

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 30, 2002 (Paper No. 13) (herein referred to as "Office Action").

In view of the concurrently filed Petition for a one-month extension, the present amendment and response is timely filed on January 30, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

In The Claims:

Please substitute the following amended claim for the pending claim with the same number:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for non-random selection of a raw product of a selected plant for processing into a uniform quality end product comprising the steps of:
 - (a) obtaining one or more samples of the raw product of the selected plant;
 - (b) analyzing the one or more samples to determine at least one structural or functional index associated with the raw product;
 - (c) providing a plurality of product processing records, wherein each of the records associates a given set of product processing data with a corresponding product processing feature